

## Opinion

### Collect own taxes

Newspapers, like the telephone company, electric company, and many other businesses, deal with thousands of customers. In fact, the Carbondale News delivers newspapers (about 6,000) to more families than there are homes in Carbondale (about 4,200).

We suggest that the city lease a small computer system (about \$250 per month) and handle wage tax collecting itself. It can do a better job than a collection agency and save money at the same time.

### Free enterprise is best

The governor's press office recently issued a press release which stated, "Governor Dick Thornburgh today (January 24) predicted that Pennsylvania's state liquor monopoly would be broken up within weeks if every consumer and every taxpayer who is fed up with wide-spread corruption, poor service, high prices, skimpy selections and inconvenient hours would start calling and writing their legislators now."

We favor the adoption of private liquor stores, but certainly not because of "poor service, skimpy selection, inconvenient hours, and wide-spread corruption" as the governor charges. We think that the service,

## Do you remember when...

15 YEARS AGO

Fell Township made a presentation to Grimes Slinger Hoses Company for a donation of 100 feet of 1 1/2 inch fire hose. The hose was presented to the township by the company's president, L.P. Frieder, president of Grimes Slinger Hoses Company, who presented the hose to the township's fire chief, Jacob Tokarczyk, John Valinski, Michael Zwick, and Myron Oprasko.

The monthly meeting of the Pennsylvanian Hotel Association, James and Angelo Gugini acted as hosts, also, election of officers was held. They were Andre Zazera, president; Dominick Mazza, vice president; Edward Esulin, treasurer; and Jack Petrus, secretary.

3 YEARS AGO

Street can, long gone from the local scene, once were important factors in economy of the entire area, Forest City on to Wilkes-Barre?

March 2, the Delaware and Hudson freight station at Trinity Place was closed and personnel remaining after a further cut in the workforce were moved to the second floor of the general yard office.



to strike another parked car? Miss Gretchen Crum, Benjamin Franklin High School senior, was crowned queen of the annual Mardi Gras of the Archdiocese Recreation Association.

Alberta M. Perri, 156 Dundaff St., stated a place on the dean's list at East Stroudsburg State College for the first semester?

Directors of the Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce approved a request for the 10th Infantry Regiment for permission to use the Chamber's industrial tract for spring maneuvers?

Robert L. Coleman, Jr., 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Coleman of 10 Darte Ave., was assigned to A Co. of the 4th Training Regiment, Fort Dix, N.J. for basic training?

The Rev. Mr. William L. Farrell, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church, announced that because of improvements which had to be made on the structure, the upper church would be closed while the tile roof was being removed, the trunk of the church reinforced by steel girder and a roof of lighter material was being put in place?

3 YEARS AGO

WARMTY, the region's newest television station, began operations at 7:30 p.m. February 9, using Channel 16 and being affiliated with ABC Television network?

The Hudson Coal Company cut the Powder River work force of 156 by 48 men and there were strong indications that the company would completely abandon operations at Coalbrook shortly after April 1, idling some 200 miners. The Ladawanna and Wilson Creek tunnels of the colliery had been given up several years before?

Federal Judge Edward A. Conger ruled in Federal Court that the township's wage tax collector, W.L. Giles, city engineer, submitted to Mayor Frank P. Kelly his report on the West Side mine fire with the recommendation that an open cut

## Keeping in touch

By James Laurie

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### A Valentine message

When we were kids on the corner of our street, Our favorite gal, on the sloop, we would meet, In high school, in between classes, In the hall, we slipped her a note, as we passed, We took her to the Spanish Fiesta and the Senior Prom, We can still see that look of goodness, of Dad and Mom, We took her to the living Theater and held her hand, Were we too young, to understand, Love is the key that unlocks life's richest treasure, Its infinite value cannot be measured, Love knows no bounds, is blind, makes the world go round or your heart stand still, It can be a far or near, it can be hell or bliss or even kill, Love is an emotion common to all, attainable for many, elusive for others, easily felt, often misused, A memorable memory, hard to erase, Love is struggling, jealous and grief and see sharing, Lifting and loving, an awareness of sincere caring, Love is excellent, wonderful and mysterious, It's tickle or secure, fun or serious, Love is touching, has cured illness, altered personalities and caused the downfall of empires, It triggers emotions, sears the soul and sets our spirit on fire, Love is intimacy, devotion, acceptance and understanding, Worth the price of being very demanding, Love is nourishment for the soul, shelter for the spirit and a haven for the heart, We have paid our dues and taken part, In Love, Love, HOOKAY, FOR, LOVE, Blessed by God Above, With a Valentine, in our yesterday, And most precious Valentine, Today,

Jim Laurie

### Perkins' Midget Minstrels.

William James Perkins, Intelligencer.

Abie Lissola Humphreys, Haddon York, Slap, Slap, Slap

Robert Swindolant, Robert Bell, Chicken Chaser Miller

THE CHIRLE: Donald Hoyle, Ralph Hoyle, Gordon Wiley, William Lewis, Harold Howarth

SERVED AS FOLLOWS: Mame's In The Cold, Cold Ground

Opening Chorus by the Company.

CHOP STICKS: Introducing Haddon and Justin

Duet and Chorus: I Want My Mummy

CHOW MAIN: Introducing Schadel and Miller

Solo: Charles York, Slap, Slap, Slap

Quartet and Chorus: Tuck Me to Sleep

Solo: End Men's Carnival, Five minutes of Fun

Chorus: Good Night and Taps

### PART TWO

ESTABROOK'S MASTODON MUSEUM and COLONIAL CONGRESS of COLUMBUS MONSTRIOUSITY

Bill, The Jannie Proprietor and Barker.

Some of the Pranks: Snake Chatter, Wild Man of Ooze, Trained Baboon, Trainer, Carburator and Kipper, Bearded Lady, Fat Man, Living Skeleton, Human Dynamo, Sword Swallower, Attendants, All Pranks

### PART THREE

Sketch: TILLIE TICKLETOE

Mr. Levinsky: Russel Stover, Irene Jones, Simon Iyob, Hattie Jones, Grace Weyett, Tillie Tickletoe, Alinda Trill, Pansy

### PART FOUR

A CHINESE HOP JOINT

Introducing Ben Chang King and Ah Shio

A Little Magic and Mystery.

Between the Parts: Boy Scout exhibition of Signal Work, Girl Scout's message, Signaling, Wag Wag to music, Music by the Scouts' own Orchestra.

COMPLIMENTS OF Pioneer Dime Bank, Where Service is the Slogan.

## Nostalgia

"MENU OF CHOP SUEY SERVED BY THE SCOUTS" was the title on the front of Boy Scout Troop 2 in 1982. In 1982, the scout's presentation programs were printed by Troop 2 scouts and included advertisements from the Meters & Merchandise Savings Bank, Bartholomew Bros., Willard Storage Battery Co., Israel Crane Company, and Bisset Jewelers, among others. (Program courtesy of Charles H. York)

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### Raps Chelik

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to a recent article in the paper by Mayfield Mayor Chelik.

In his recent address to the borough Mayor Chelik made a referral to "Big Brother," the ever present government who controls all aspects of citizen's lives. I ask you, Mayor, what have you been doing in the past and at present?

I have been a candidate for office in the borough more than once and know from experience that you are interested in "Big Brother," yourself, and not the majority of citizens in the community.

In regards to the newly built courtroom in Lackawanna County, the idea is working well, according to recent reports. Mayor, you seem to be the only one complaining. I would suggest that the magistrate involved in his own investigating and as you suggested, get to the bottom of that. I'm sure Judge Kunk is in a better position than you or the magistrate to evaluate this system.

One of these days the string behind your neck will snap and where will that leave you Mayor Chelik?

Sincerely, Ruth Miley

### Inactive Chamber

To the Editor:

What does the Carbondale Area Chamber of Commerce really do? The Chamber of Commerce does, I understand, sponsor the Small Business Counseling program and Seminars, but, as far as I have been able to determine, they are produced and presented by organizations other than the Chamber of Commerce.

With the multitude of problems confronting the city of Carbondale at present, shouldn't the Chamber of Commerce be in the forefront of an effort to make a real impact on the city? Shouldn't the Chamber of Commerce be the most visible group in town?

One would hope that the Chamber of Commerce would have a number of projects underway at any given moment, projects to attract new businesses and industries and to develop and expand existing businesses and industries. At the very least, the Chamber of Commerce should be able to supply these individuals and businesses who are interested in establishing themselves in Carbondale with the basic statistics, profiles and other pertinent information about the city. To my knowledge, they are not able to do so. It has been my experience that phone calls are seldom returned, and requests for information are frequently unfulfilled. The office, it would appear, is not always open during the regular business hours. What are our membership dollars used for anyway?

The Chamber of Commerce, it would seem, is in danger of becoming nothing more than a luncheon club which makes me wonder—do we need a Chamber of Commerce, or more to the point, do we need a Chamber of Commerce as it presently exists?

A Friend of Carbondale  
Name withheld upon request

### Fell students

To the Editor:

I'm writing in reply to Rita Rudy's statement of abuse or worse. In saying she would be overwhelmingly criticized is to say the least, I cross the school children who attend Rita Rudy's beloved alma-

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